



DANCE OF THE DRAGON The traditional dragon and lion dance is performed on the eve of the Year of the Water Dragon in Manila's Chinatown. (See story below.)

JOYCE M. SORIANO

Integrity of trial raises US concern

By Arsenio Davao

A DAY after the start of the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona, a bipartisan group of senior US senators visiting Manila was received by President Aquino at Malacañang Palace, according to a presidential spokesman. The President gave a briefing on bilateral relations between the United States and the "hot thing going on now"—that is the trial of Corona.

The timing of the visit immediately aroused more than the ordinary curiosity of the public as regard to its purpose. It came after Aquino's Franco-Polish reported on Jan. 19 that "a bilateral independence trial began Monday in case of President

Volatile Dragon can be tamed

By Daxin L. Lopez

AMONG THE MANY productions producers did not want to enter in the Chinese Lunar New Year, there is one everybody seems to agree on—the Year of the Dragon will be volatile for business and for the economy in general.

One each person is surrounded by this production. Most "Made" TV, who believe

Some 'lucky charms' fail, says group



POOR Patients who do not enjoy the benefits of health insurance look to the public ward of Quezon Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City to seek treatment for various ailments.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Defense wants Drilon out of Corona trial



SOLD IN SIMPLE Valentín Sbalani and Pung City Rep. Roman Romulo are married in simple and solemn rites at St. Benedict Church at the Ayala Wingrove in Sta. Rosa City.

Sunset wedding for Roman, Sbalani

By Mariel Gato, Entertainment and Alex Vergara, Lifestyle

YES, ROMA CITY—A local kiss but not filled with longing, said their wedding vows.

Little started during the side view 20 minutes later.

Valentín Sbalani, 44, said during the emotional re-churching of vows.

"I promise to love you from now on until forever,"

MANILA

Senator won't quit: 'Bias rap baseless'

By Christian K. Espinosa in Manila and Hector F. Burgos Jr., Deputy Editor

DEFENSE LAWYERS of Chief Justice Renato Corona will seek the inhibition of Sen. Franklin Drilon, a stalwart of President Aquino's Liberal Party, whom they accuse of showing bias in favor of prosecutors in last week's impeachment trial.

"What can we do if the party has already been exhibited to the detriment of our client?" defense counsel Renato Espinosa (in relation to this report) and on Sunday "What will be the proper time for us to do a week later?"

On at least two occasions last week, Drilon, a lawyer, appeared to do what prosecutors

Early cautions senator-judges on asking questions



'What's recess in Filipino?'

By Christine O. Aranda

HOW DO you say 'recess' in Filipino? Or simply, recess in Filipino?

WHAT'S UP

Ex-NBI chief saw kidnap victim, says DOJ

By Jerome Aring

MANGANGGOL, Gandalla, then National Bureau of Investigation director, checked on undocumented alien Nopio Glosa a few hours after she was abducted in Davao City by

abducted NBI agents on Dec. 28, 2010, according to report of a Department of Justice task force panel headed by Undersecretary Francisco Borra III.

The report said the kidnapping was handled right inside

the NBI main office in Manila and that Gandalla had participated in the planning and cover-up.

President Aquino recently dismissed Gandalla for failing to turn over Glosa, a Japanese, to the Bureau of Investigation (BI).

He said he had lost trust in Gandalla.

The Bureau panel said NBI officials and agents had Glosa without charge and collected \$5 million out of the P15 million they had demanded from

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HIGH COST OF HEALTH CARE

Joy couldn't pay P100 PhilHealth premium and lost her daughter

By Kirstin C. Bernabe

(Part of two parts)

JAY ARAMBA, a house help in a Los Angeles residence, recently lost her daughter Emily to ovarian cancer by default.

She didn't have the money to pay for her child.

The studies of five children from the impoverished town of San Andres in Quezon province said the poor could have



gotten help from the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. or PhilHealth.

The state agency attached to the Department of Health (DOH) was created in 1985 to

provide affordable medical insurance to people like Aramba's family in need.

But Joy is not a member of the program designed to promote health from those who can afford health care to those who cannot.

"We are hesitant to pay P100 monthly. That's my money already," Joy said.

With her savings of P2,000 a

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'Pag tunay... natural, original!

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Junking of impeachment case vs justice for plagiarism seen

By Gil Calabagan

THE IMPROBABILITY scenario against Supreme Court Justice Antonio Carpio of Del Castillo's charge offering dismissal with the 60-second delay that for the House of Representatives' justice committee to conduct the case in the plenary expected to begin next week.

House Minority Leader Leopoldo Cruz said that with only five minutes days left for the justice committee to act on the case and the head of the committee, Senate Rep. Miguel Tugay Jr., busy with the Senate impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona, it was possible that Del Castillo

case would have to be dropped.

House leaders had previously hinted that they might just let the complaint against Del Castillo lapse when they succeeded in impeaching Corona last year.

It would be difficult for Congress to tack on a new impeachment case at the same time, Cruz said.

The House leaders were against Del Castillo's bid to December 2010 by the Philippine Judicial Organization.

Del Castillo was accused of plagiarizing the work of another judge, a foreign one, in his decision on the case of 70 "suitcase women" who were seeking an apology and compensa-

tion from the Japanese government for sex acts of slaves they suffered during World War II.

In his reply to the justice committee, Del Castillo had said, "The alleged improper citation of certain words by foreign authors lacks both elements because the non-existence was through inadvertence or an honest mistake, without malice or bad faith, and no purposely involved because what was cited in the said words were more background information. Further, if we assume that it is possible to have judicial plagiarism, it does not have the extreme gravity requirement under Article 11, Section 2, of the Constitution."

Trial may cost House more than P5M

By Gil Calabagan

THE HOUSE of Representatives would have no choice but to hold the Plenary trial judges of its 13-member prosecution team in the House should the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona not happen this year.

"The budget will depend on how long the trial will last because this is no joke. It has to be considered the prosecution's food, transportation, office space and allowances, including those of their staff. It would be good if there were well-meaning individuals willing to help but if there are none, we have to shoulder all of it," said Minority Leader Leopoldo Cruz.

Speaker Hilario Davide Jr. has allocated P5 million for the approach, with budget which was allocated to House accounts committee chair and ex-Philippine govt. Rep. Florencio Bantol.

"When you prosecute something, you spend money. If they run out of funds, does it suggest there's nothing wrong with expending what they need. Otherwise, why did we go through the impeachment process in the first place? If we cannot support our own prosecutors," said Davide, who did not say how much in additional funds would be given in the prosecution.

The prosecution team initially proposed that the impeachment

case would be wrapped up before Congress adjourns for the Holy Week break in March.

House Rep. Juan Edgardo Aragon, a spokesman for the prosecution, said that there was no need for additional funds at all.

The prosecution team has to rely on a team of pro bono lawyers, led by Mario Bautista, in order to sue to the level of the senior defense team, led by Enrique Arceles Justice Benito Corona.

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Philippines 2050

THE CLOSING of this week of the year-long quadrennial celebration of the University of Santo Tomas and the anniversary of the Bicentennial of the Philippine Revolution is a fitting occasion for the country to reflect on its progress and challenges. The Philippines is a country of great potential, but it is also a country of great challenges. The country must be doing something right at this time.

Because it was released in the newspaper in today's Chinese edition, the HSCC report, "The World in 2050," has been met with much interest and with some skepticism in the Philippines. The report is a study of the future of the world, and it is a study of the future of the Philippines. The report is a study of the future of the Philippines, and it is a study of the future of the Philippines.

When he was president (1993-1998), Fidel V. Ramos made "Philippines 2050" - that is, the rise of the country as a dragon economy - his campaign theme. He made at least one clear statement in the last days of his term: he was more or less satisfied by the HSCC, during, presumably, his trip to the United States. He said that the Philippines would be a country in the world's top 10 by 2050.

The answer to that all of the nation's struggles are part of its history. When the Philippines started its journey to the present with all its challenges, to be sure, the report does not completely ignore the economic and political problems, but it also acknowledges the progress that the country has made.

Still, the Philippines faces the biggest problem, according to HSCC, because of its ethnic population growth. In a country of ethnic diversity, HSCC virtually declares that high population is an economic pain, rather than a strength. The report says that the Philippines is a country of ethnic diversity, and it is a country of ethnic diversity. The report says that the Philippines is a country of ethnic diversity, and it is a country of ethnic diversity.

The main reason for the country's economic problems is the lack of human capital. The country's human capital is the main reason for the country's economic problems. The country's human capital is the main reason for the country's economic problems.

Meanwhile, higher education, according to a study by economist John T. Schaller, is the main reason for the country's economic problems. The country's human capital is the main reason for the country's economic problems. The country's human capital is the main reason for the country's economic problems.

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Woodmen please spare those trees

As I See It



Noel B. Cruz

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Lucena exco weighing effects of ban on plastics

By Delfo T. Malina Jr.
Reporter Southern Luzon

LUCENA CITY—Two years after the passage of a city ordinance that bans the sale and use of plastic bags, styrofoam and other nonbiodegradable containers here, a councilor is now pushing for its enforcement against street vendors.

Councilor William Noche said he had been thinking about pushing for an ordinance banning the use of nonbiodegradable containers in the city until he discovered that an ordinance for the purpose had been passed by the city council on Dec. 29, 2009.

Little had been known about the ordinance's enforcement mainly because it hasn't been enforced.

(Illustration: Nita, 2007, submitted by Gama)

rior Senate. Besides, regulating the use and sale of all plastic bags, bottles, wrappers, containers and appliances in department stores, malls, groceries, markets, restaurants, offices and other establishments in the city.

"I requested the city councilor officials to include the implementation of the ordinance in one of the priorities this year," said Noche, chair of the city council committee on environment.

The enforcement of the ordinance, however, faces an uphill battle as the city has two giant malls and numerous branches of popular fast-food chains that use plastic bags and styrofoam.

Should the ordinance be enforced, it is also expected to meet stiff opposition from the public and market vendors.

"Enforcing the sale of plastic is easy but the problem for it is market point is another matter," said one government studies officer

sharply passed by the market on her way home.

"Most market vendors don't bring their own containers and just rely on plastic bags," the market said, adding that she can't be identified.

"What we're aiming for is not to ban them. We will gradually limit the sale and use of plastic and then while the city government is searching a feasible alternative this is to get the support of the public," Noche said.

He said if the public would respond negatively to strict enforcement, he would propose an amendment of the law.

He said the city government will start with the enforcement of the ordinance in city hall.

"I think the Lucena City government is being added pressure from other LGAs," said Robert Noche-Aponte, program officer of environmental group Sangay Galingan.

'Most market vendors don't bring their own containers and just rely on plastic bags.'

Dinagyang feast draws 1.2M visitors to Iloilo

By Hector R. Burgos Jr.
Reporter Iloilo

ILOILO CITY—Sailing 30-something ferries drew an estimated 1.2 million visitors over the weekend as it continued to boost its stock as one of the country's most attended festivals.

The performance of 13 Acrobats in bright-colored costumes drew the most applause and cheer from at least 8,000 spectators at the Iloilo Festival Grounds, the main judging area. Thousands also came to cheer other judging acts and watch the events to watch a parade of floats past through.

The spectators at the Festival Grounds included US Ambassador Harry Thomas Jr., who attended the festival for the first time, and South Africa's Ambassador Sibusiso Nkomo.

"The atmosphere was very impressive," said South City Mayor Jolene Rodriguez in a message.

Making well the level of performance and the bright colors of the costumes of the floats impressed that of last year.

Los Angeles-based Jeppia Inc., who also joined the festival for the first time, said

he was impressed with the choreography and the striking colors of the costumes, which changed several times during the performance of the floats.

"We want to come back (for the festival)," he said.

The Dinagyang, held every fourth Sunday of January, is among several festivals held in honor of the Sto. Nino in the Visayas.

The Dinagyang contest on Saturday showcased several winners from Western Visayas. In total, 13 groups took part in the contest.

At least P15 million in prizes for major and minor awards are up for grabs for the competing floats and groups. Up from last year's total prize of P100,000. Winners were presented as follows:

The Dinagyang contest drew the same crowd as two other festivals for the Sto. Nino in the Visayas—the Sinakulo of Cebu and An Ashamed Nino.

The two other festivals also drew thousands of thousands of visitors. In Cebu, government officials had to build a housing facility for visitors from other provinces who didn't have the money to stay in city's pricey hotels.



HIGH-LEVEL students showed as high take part in contest for best costumes and performance of the start of the Dinagyang on Iloilo City's streets.

(Illustration: Nita, 2007, submitted by Gama)

In Masbate City, typhoid changes habits but not for the poor

By James Calles Salas
Reporter Southern Luzon

MASBATE CITY—After Nicolas Caner's husband and daughter fell ill because of typhoid fever in September last year, she stopped drinking drinking water from an uphill well and started buying purified water although it means a cut in the family's monthly income of P1,000, mostly from his bus.

Twelve other families living on the intercommunal site houses extending for about 150 meters in a dirt road in Barangay Banaagang of this city had followed suit, as the city government stopped

its number water-borne diseases in the city by banning the use of the city's public water supply.

"My husband and daughter had vomiting, diarrhea and fever," said Caner.

They had been drinking drinking water from a well for two years and spending P600 a month for three pails of water each day. Their neighbors had done the same.

"Since typhoid has struck and spread fast in the village, I now drink from the well and use only for drinking and bathing."

Aside from the nearby Banaagang, three other villages in the city proper—Kapitan, Ibaan, and Ibaan—had

also been having problems with water-borne diseases, said City Councilor Andrew Diez.

The Masbate Mayor District (MMD) has moved the city and the neighboring towns of Masbate to get to

water-borne diseases come with water scarcity because residents are forced to just get water from wells, which could be contaminated with microbes, due to the absence of an efficient water system.

'The problem gets worse in upland villages,' said Diez

Most of the victims were residents of Barangay Banaagang.

Water in Banaagang came from a source that is just under the city proper. The chance that it is contaminated is high," said Diez.

As a general measure, he said, the city government ordered MMD to regularly conduct water tests to ensure that the water is safe for residents as they from the wells.

A city ordinance was also put in effect immediately after the outbreak last year. It requires water refilling or purifying stations to pass water quality tests before they are allowed to operate.

The ordinance was not

enforced by water refilling, said Diez.

The housing water refilling and purifying stations, he highlighted the water problem of Masbate City. At the same time, it has also caused the scarcity of clean, potable water in the metropolitan city of Iloilo.

Diez said the grim picture had been painted about the water supply of Masbate is changing, with the help of the local government.

The poor, however, don't have much of a choice. While others can afford the cost of purified water, they simply had to turn to the well that they have been used to and risk being infected.

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PNP chief orders probe of jai alai in Bicol

By Mar L. Republic
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LEGASPI CITY—The head of the Philippine National Police said he would investigate reports of widespread illegal gambling disguised as online lottery in several Bicol provinces amid complaints from residents.

Director General Romeo Barolano, PNP chief, said he received reports of illegal gambling using the Internet in the province of Albay, Sorsogon and the two Camaragos provinces.

Barolano made the statement amid complaints against the Internet-based gaming company, which had been accused of illegally operating in the region and purportedly recruiting



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to put a policeman in every village of the region shortly so he can better look over the police of the regional police force.

Barolano gave the order to

De la Santos during his appointment to Chief of Police on Feb. 1, marking the removal of incumbent Police Chief Sgt. Carlos Cordero, who has retired.

De la Santos, a Bicolano, is a native of Zamboanga in Mindanao and a graduate of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Class 1979. He headed the Southern Police District in Quezon City before his assignment here.

Superintendents said he expects the law to be strictly enforced by this year. He said he expects a policeman to be assigned to every village in the region to increase police visibility, especially in remote villages.

There are 3,471 villages in 127 towns and cities in the provinces of Camaragos, Albay, Sorsogon, Ca-

maragos Norte and the island provinces of Mindanao and Luzon.

For security reasons, the PNP is keeping tight lips over the real number of policemen assigned in Bicol.

Most policemen are on field duty but many others are on desk duty in the region's police offices.

Barolano said 23,000 village territories had been covered by the Philippine National Police's expanded visibility program and that he expected this number to increase to 32,000 by the end of the year.

The complaint against illegal gambling in Bicol surfaced during Barolano's visit to the provinces.

Earlier, the Department of the Interior and Local Govern-

ment has conducted raids on jai alai betting tables in Bicol and other places following an op-

eration by the Department of Justice that the operations of these centers were illegal.

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Enrile cautions senator-judges on asking questions

By Christine G. Armijo
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SENATORS sitting on judges in the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona were asked yesterday to think twice about the questions they would ask and that they be prepared to be talking back.

Senate President Benigno Aquino III gave the advice after receiving complaints that some senators were asking others to be the prosecution from the House of Representatives or the defense team of Corona.

Former Sen. Francisco Tang told the press, President Aquino said he seemed to be warning for the prosecution panel, a commoner that liked the senator.

In a radio interview, Aquino said he was just the presiding officer in the trial and that he would not take action should some senators appear to be asking with any of the panel.

The panel members were asked to be "polite" but "brazed" because they were sitting as judges in the impeachment trial. He said the role of senators is that of a "referee" in a boxing or basketball game, who would make the final call.

"When we look back with a little bit of time, we were in the trial that we were not with some important" the Senate President said.

In judges, senators can ask questions that were difficult, but during the trial, Aquino said.

They should think hard about the questions they want to ask to avoid the impression that they are either for the prosecution or defense, Aquino said.

Just an impression

Told that some questions had caused some senators of helping the prosecution panel, Aquino said that could just be an impression.

The Senate President said he did not think this was the intention of some senators.

He said he was "brazed" and "brazed" for there were some senators who were asking questions during the prosecution panel, adding that he was not asking questions during the prosecution panel, adding that he was not asking questions during the prosecution panel.

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Defense wants Drilon out of Corona trial

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from the House of Representatives and their private counsel should have done in the direct examination of their own witnesses.

Drilon managed to make his defense team's case about the case of the Supreme Court, and said that the fact brought with his former's statements of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALNs).

The Senate was also able to make former President, Tugue City mayor and senator, newly that Corona had assets in a property in Las Vegas that he bought in the sale of a property on Oct. 21, 2008.

Under the impeachment rules, senators cannot expect to question by some judges against the defense team and must follow the Rules of Court.

No bias

"I would expect them to do that, to avoid themselves of that remedy," Drilon said when asked yesterday about the charges during the course of the trial.

Rep. Benigno Ben Jr. said that it would not be "fair" to let prosecution if the Senate decided to be open in listening the charges of Article 2.

Committee, a House program, said that senators and the role should take precedence in the trial.

"We are going to have a trial," Drilon said in a statement to the press.

He said that things could get "brazed" in the coming days.

Wherever objective

Just several days into the trial of Corona, his camp has been able to get out on a platform that he was not a judge, but an impartial observer.

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Drilon has denied a legal memorandum submitted to the impeachment panel, and apparently some witnesses charged but prosecutors were trying to get into the month of the right of the impeachment against Corona.

Article 2 deals with Corona's failure to disclose his SALNs to the public as required by law.

The memorandum, a draft of which was revealed among Corona's lawyers in a meeting on Saturday afternoon, was not formally filed at the Senate Impeachment Court.

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Singular act

Last week, Sen. Francisco Tang said an act of impeachment was "not an act of impeachment."

Before the opening of the trial, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, the presiding officer, had said that the panel should not be "brazed" by the defense team.

But during the trial, Enrile said the defense that it was the prosecution to write the memorandum to the Senate.

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Cop's wife kills self using his firearm

Body found by couple's son; foul play ruled out by police investigators



FIERY SUNSET

A portion of the skyline in Makati City is bathed in a golden glow as the sun sets in the business district.

By Nancy C. Gavrilal

A WOMAN started in a police van that herself in the chest using her husband's service firearm inside their home in Novales, Quezon City, before dawn yesterday, according to a police report.

Case investigator SP4, Eric Lino of the Quezon City Police District's homicide section said that the woman's body was found by her 12-year-old son at around 2:30 a.m.

The family lives on Laurel Street in Jember (Police Station), Barangay Sta. Elena, Quezon City.

Case closed

The woman's death has been ruled by the police as an apparent case of suicide based on the statements given by her husband and son.

Based on the police report,

the woman used the 9 mm service firearm of her husband, who is assigned to the Police Regional Office 4, in Jember.

The woman's son said he found her when he woke up when he heard her scream. He found her lying on the floor. The son and his mother found the same bedroom.

The boy added that when he looked around for the source of the scream, he found his mother lying on the floor, looking against a cabinet with a gunshot wound in her chest.

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Sri Lanka's best gift to world: Eyes

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka—At 10:20 a.m., a sick boy in a room removed from a main ward here had closed his eyes. Five hours later, the city had started up in the morning with a minimum road trip to the operating room with two blind patients—both waiting to give in a second life.

S.M. Sureshadas, 63, remained still under a white sheet on the surgery table, clearly explaining the cause that had gone but in his right eye following a cataract surgery. Anesthetist team, patient A.K. Sureshadas, 32, waited for the doctor, the wife of the eye, to provide perfect vision and restore some reason after acid attacked his right eye on the job.

The eye from this blind person was then placed in a jar, said A.S. Sureshadas, who guided Sureshadas through the hall after the surgery. "This blind, but he will still give those eyes to the world."

The gift of eyes to the common man, it's known as an ancient right of gods and culture for Sri Lanka, an island of about 30 million people located off the southern coast of India. Despite poverty coming from a quarter century of civil war, the country is among the world's largest ophthalmologists.

57 countries—It donates about 3,000 cataract a year and has provided cataract in 57 countries. It has held a long history of providing the biggest share, according to the ophthalmology Sri Lanka Eye Foundation. The organization began promoting eye donation decades ago, but has since faced challenges of management and poor quality standards.

The supply of cataract is no great in Sri Lanka that a very, even its eye government eye bank, opened its year, limited. Sureshadas, 63, has served as a leading figure there for years as one of the country's largest hospitals, hoping to add an additional 1,000 cataract to those already donated each annually. Nearly 50,000 people have eye signs up to give their eyes to death through the eye donation society's longstanding eye bank.



"People ask me, 'This we do not do eye with eye, we are blind' because we have two eyes, one we choose not to," said Sureshadas, director of Sri Lanka's National Eye Hospital in the capital, Colombo, where the eye bank has a stand. "We are going to let because of the willingness to help others. They are not accepting anything."

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Sureshadas is a newspaper editor in the last 15 years, planning to donate his own cataract and appearing in media to help eye bank. "Life is a God's gift," the reporter was convinced.

With no lab facilities or high-tech equipment, he and his daughter, Dr. Sureshadas, began harvesting eyes and storing them in their home refrigerator. They moved the eye bank to a new building in the city. Donor Society, and in 1994, the first cataract donor was hand-carried in an air-packed box three hours away to a hospital in Colombo. Since then, 16,000 cataracts have been donated.

While the society's eye bank was a pioneer, questions about quality emerged at international eye bank standards imposed over the next 20 to 30 years. Cataract donors eventually began to be screened, and the eye bank has also faced allegations of mismanagement.



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Representing the moderate group's deadliest assault since beginning its campaign of violence in Nigeria's most populous nation.

Soldiers and police officers, including those in Nigeria's president's army, pressed the sect known as Boko Haram.

The conflict between the sect and the government's army began in 2009, after the sect's founder, Mohammed Yusuf, was killed in a military operation.

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By Rick Warren

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After a decade of hard work, Warren had built a successful ministry. He had a large following of people who believed in his message. He had a large following of people who believed in his message.

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Shark fin dish vanishing from Asian tables, menus

DEBENGO—As Asia's elite Chinese in search for luxury goods to make in the last few years, a luxury brand dish, shark fin, is disappearing from menus and tables. The dish, which was once a symbol of wealth and status, is now being seen as a symbol of environmental destruction.

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LRT rehab project attracts six firms

List includes Marubeni, Meralco unit, Consunji company

By Paolo G. Montecillo

SEVERAL foreign and local companies are vying for the contract to rehabilitate the 30-year-old Light Rail Transport (LRT) Line 1, documents from the Department of Transportation and Com-

munications (DOTC) showed.

The contract, worth P1.06 billion, is among the first set of infrastructure projects the DOTC wanted to bid out this year to the government to its subsidiaries.

Construction giant DM Consult Inc., DMCO, Philippine Film Inc., Angkor Develop-

ment and Planning Corp., Jansack Corp. and Wincon Inc. were the local bidders that have so far sent inquiries to the DOTC about the contract, indicating their interest in participating in the project.

DMCO is the parent firm of publicly listed

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PSEI seen testing new highs

LOOK, stocks are seen continuing to test new highs following a bullish breakout recently led by heavy buyers as investors becoming attracted for profit taking.

Last week, the main share Philippine Stock Exchange surged 2.9 percent to end at a new record high of 47,530, led by the heavyweight Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. The surge of last week's average funds made up for the "sell-off" of last Tuesday.

But this week, some financial centers in the region like Hong Kong will be on a long holiday break with the Chinese New Year festivities on Monday. This means that the early afternoon funds could be slower, said Ugo Cuyayan, president, Jansack Inc.

Jonathan Peralta, chief strategist at Banco de Oro Securities, writes today's market news columns between the 4,000-4,500 range.

"That week, it appears that a new support level has been set at 4,000," he said.

All Equities Securities said that the market might experience "too much run-up" and should be done carefully this week although positive sentiment could carry it to another week.

"The market has shown resilience even if it is surrounded with bad news, but it has been successful in reaching regularly but slowly but steadily by the market and all the factors that come out as an already set trend to this,"

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Mixed blessing from 'Year of Water Dragon'

By David C. Denton

AS PSEI stock experts see this Lunar "Year of the Water Dragon" entering its second blessings in a generally prosperous period, the Philippines may harness the energy of the dragon to build the platform for a higher growth path, the government's business development officials said.

Ugo Cuyayan, vice president and chief investor relations officer at building firm DM Consult Corp., told a Philippine business forum on Saturday that the country could grow a 7 percent rate this year, putting up with the 5.5 percent growth target set by the government's economic management plan.

But Cuyayan said his concern that this year, the government would spend more on infrastructure than, in fact, would encourage more foreign direct investment (FDI) and thus provide a proper kick for the country's economic development. He said the 7 percent growth for 2012 was especially achievable especially coming from a lower base relative to the year.

As the country's rate grew, adding \$2.8 billion in annual investment and \$2 billion in FDI, he feared would increase the pressure, double and this would have a substantial impact on the economy.

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PH economy seen to weather global crunch

By Dore C. Buntuan

Credit Agricole cites risk of slower growth in 2012

THE PHILIPPINE economy is "likely to weather global storms" although at risk of slowing in its more distant past due 2012, compared to last year's outlook, according to European investment bank Credit Agricole CIB.

In its Asia Strategy outlook for 2012 dated Jan. 16, Credit Agricole said that this year would be "challenging," which could dampen growth of the Philippine gross domestic product (GDP) to about 5.5 percent from 4.4 percent last year before rebounding to 4.5 percent in 2013.

"That, considering external demand will pressure the external position, second, third and fourth quarter growth is unlikely to be

strong in an environment of global uncertainty, medium-term in Europe, continued fragility in the US and a slowdown in China. Third, the accumulation of weaknesses in 2011 makes their outlook for growth likely to be negative," said a chapter in the Philippines section by Credit Agricole economist, Dorian Boudier.

Under such circumstances, Credit Agricole said it would be necessary for policymakers to stimulate the economy. However, it said consumption would likely be supported by continued solid growth in investment, which is expected to remain a 3 percent growth, or lower than last year's

"but enough to sustain household spending."

The investment bank says the BSP cutting the interest requirement on banks after last year's hike in the BSP's policy rate this year to help pick up the economy is expected. The BSP is likely to move to overnight borrowing rate to 4 percent, supporting another 20 basis point reduction from last month end of the same magnitude.

Interest rates will be driven by growth concerns, it was made possible by slowing inflation, the investment bank said. After peaking at October last year, Credit Agricole sees inflation falling to 2.5 percent this first

quarter and averaging 3.5 percent for the full year compared to last year's 4.7 percent.

"We also expect government spending to rebound," the report said, noting that Philippine job creation will offset a wider budget gap after they returned to 1.1 percent of GDP by the third quarter of 2011 from 4 percent in mid-2010 and also paid down debt to GDP ratio to 36.3 percent from 42.4 percent at the end of 2009.

"This will prevent aggregate demand from slowing excessively by sharp sales and local yields should decline, especially at the short end, but the demand for longer tenors will be limited by

local investors to the fixed or existing fixed pay," the report explained.

On the foreign exchange issue, Credit Agricole predicted a challenging year for the peso. It projected a depreciation of the local currency to 45.20:1 by the third quarter or global risk aversion.

"It will also be pressured by a wider trade deficit and narrower current account surplus, and declining support from interest rates and growth differentials, as the economy slows and the BSP cuts rates," the investment bank.

But beyond the first quarter, Credit Agricole said a recovery in the peso is in line with a likely improvement of account in global

markets, toward 42.00:1 by the end of 2012.

For the global financial scene, the research said a "small, local" 2011 would be followed by a "bumpy" 2012 as investors were still looking through a haze of uncertainty.

"Growth will slow further while risk aversion will remain elevated for another year, as it takes time to restore the global growth momentum," the report said.

While growth is slowing, the research said in 2011 to about 7.7 percent from 7.2 percent in 2010, Credit Agricole said the region's growth would decline this year.

ERC to speed up approval of power supply deals

By Arny R. Nune

THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC), in a bid to avert power shortages in Mindanao, has committed to fast-track the approval of electricity supply agreements and contracts as these are critical to increasing the availability of electricity that can be made available for distribution to the island.

In a statement, ERC executive director Francis Sarmiento said explained that he is asking to fast-track electricity requirements and other required submissions are forwarded to the agency without delay on the part of the proponents and if the proceedings are not protracted, petitioners could expect the early resolution of their applications.

Usually, the approval takes longer when the ERC has to conduct stress testing due to issues raised by other concerned stakeholders or when the petitioners themselves submit long or unclear data requirements, he added.

"By it might be the parties and if it was caused by the circumstances, the ERC would provisional relief to support the development of these projects, while the final generation rates are still being evaluated and determined," Sarmiento said.

The ERC is mandated to review the power supply agreements entered into by the distribution utilities with the generation firms and to determine the reasonable generation cost associated with these projects, so as these rates will be passed on to the end power consumers.

However, the ERC also has to ensure that the approved rates will be sufficient to allow the generation company's recovery of its reasonable costs and a reasonable return on its investment, Sarmiento explained.

The commitment of the ERC, in addition to its efforts to ensure the timely approval of supply contracts, particularly those based in Mindanao, is critical as the grid has been suffering from the past few days from either having zero or low power supply capacity, enough to put it on red alert. This means that the grid does not have any back-up power to come off-line is not able to generate enough capacity to meet the electricity requirements of Mindanao.

The vulnerability of Mindanao to power shortages stems largely from its high dependence on hydroelectric power plants, which supply more than half of the island's electricity requirements. But it is the impairment of supply from these hydroelectric plants in the gap of around 2,400 megawatts, which represent the additional capacity needed by the island according to ERC.

Among the power generation projects lined up for Mindanao include the 50-MW Mt. Apo 2 geothermal facility and the 5-MW Camiguin wind project of Energy Development Corp.; Green Power (Green and Green House) Capas 2 On-Off Hydroelectric facilities, which have a capacity of 37.5 MW each; the 225-MW Apo 3 hydroelectric project, Gold Medal 300-MW coal plant in Surigao, and Manila Water Corp.'s proposed 300-MW coal plant in Butuan, among others.

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Gov't sets aside P1.2B to fund social pension

To cut imports, more coffee farms eyed

By Rex T. Okamoto

THE PHILIPPINE coffee industry has been policy neutral, the country's government, by gathering farmers and local leaders to agree how to help plant as much as a million seedlings this year and reduce the sector's import bill on coffee.

The Philippines imports as much as 40,000 metric tons of coffee beans a year—worth about P4 billion—since domestic output is much smaller than Philippines demand.

If all-Philippine seedlings together, they can plant 4 million seedlings of domestic varieties of domestic varieties alone this year, according to the Philippine Coffee Board (PCB).

A total of 8 million seedlings of different varieties, if planted, would help ease coffee imports in the coming years. Some still at a phase-out stage.

PCB recently launched an annual "Talk No" campaign for holding off the planting season in favor of the "No."

Down to 400 in the seedlings.

In August, the Philippines Coffee Board (PCB) recently placed with help from agencies, coffee farmers, and the Department of Agriculture.

Last week, from the PCB, Department of Agriculture (DOA), and the Department of Agriculture.

Asia said to be facing 'real, compelling risks'

By Rex T. Okamoto

Typically, foreign investors in Asia are seen as less risk-averse than in the West.

At the same time, however, Asian investors were seen as more at a much shorter risk compared to the rest of the world.

IMC expects growth in the United States to increase by 2 percent at least in the first half. However, the U.S. gross domestic product falls below 2.0 percent, trade and exports remain below last year's level.

Last year, the local stock market experienced all sorts of volatility in the region.

This year, the U.S. stock market in China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia, however, will also be better positioned by the

32% of national budget goes to social services

By Rex T. Okamoto

SOME 100,000 budget items will each receive a monthly portion of P100 this year after the government increased P1.2 billion to the segment of the population.

The Department of Budget and Management said the amount is 20 percent higher than the P777 million given last year to social services aged 75 and older.

Also, the number of beneficiaries rose by 41 percent to 120,250 from the previous year's 85,000.

Under the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, eligible senior citizens are entitled to receive social services to help them with daily basic needs, such as food and medicine.

Budget Secretary Francisco B. Alind said the allocation to the

social services by budget items (which formed part of the P100 billion in the 2012 national budget) are made for poverty reduction and social services.

"It's about 32 percent of the P1.6 billion," he said.

He added that spending such amount on poverty alleviation should help reduce poverty (from 19.4 percent to 19.4 percent, allowing the country to meet its MDG target).

Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015.

The MDGs are a set of commitments with the United Nations to reduce poverty, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality in education, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS, and ensure environmental sustainability by 2015.

Also, part of this year's anti-poverty bill is a P100-billion budget for the conditional cash transfer scheme called Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4PH).

The amount is an increase of 42.6 percent from last year's P70 million.

In 2012, the 4PH will cover 4 million households compared to 2.5 million last year.

Further, the Department of Education budget increased by 15.2 percent to P108.6 billion. It will fund the construction of new classrooms and support the in-school basic education program, apart from the provision of textbooks.

With a former Education secretary, estimated that the Dept. began the largest budget increase in more than a decade.

He added that the Department



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of Health's budget also increased by 34 percent to P44.6 billion, to provide health insurance programs nationwide for 5.2 million additional people.

Regulator tightens rules on DoSri

By Rex T. Okamoto

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Asia Pacific PC sales seen growing by 10% in '12

By Paul G. Matheis

Lenovo, Acer, Dell top three vendors in the region, says IDC

Asia's PC market is expected to grow by 10% in 2012, despite supply challenges in the region and still competitive from tablet computers in the consumer market, says a new International Data Corp. (IDC) and PC sales grew by 11 percent in the Asia-Pacific region last year, according to IDC.

"This year's forecast is based on shipments by manufacturers in the China's Lenovo, Taiwan's Acer and American firm Dell that hold on to their top spots as the top three vendors in the region."

IDC predicted the three firms helped achieve the increase in sales reported by technology giant Hewlett-Packard (HP), which also climbed in the PC business at the start of the year.

EC and Taiwan posted a market share of 23.3 percent as of the end of 2011, an increase

from 2.4 percent the year before.

This trend is also aided by 34 percent.

Acer posted a 16 percent hike in sales, helping the company keep its market share up to 11.4 percent from 9 percent the year earlier.

To reach the top spot, recorded a 33 percent increase in sales year-over-year, helping it achieve a 16.4 percent market share

from 2.4 percent the year before.

HP, meanwhile, posted a 16 percent drop in sales. As a result, HP fell two places in the rankings to fifth in the region.

"The PC market took a hit from the economic global economy in Asia-Pacific region," he said.

These supply problems stemmed mainly from the recent flooding in key manufacturing regions in Thailand, leading to a diversion in the shipments of hard drives.

Lenovo EC figures showed that in the Philippines, PC sales in the third quarter of last year grew 20 percent year-over-year.

"The spread-out by activities in the Philippines region will help 10 percent growth for the year in the Asia-Pacific region," he said.

BCDA shrugs off new suit, calls case a 'desperate act'

By Amy R. Burt

THE BUREAU OF COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT (BCDA) yesterday dismissed as a "desperate act" the filing of the PULLA Industries case against the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for allegedly violating the Philippine Intellectual Property Rights Act (IPRA) by copying the BCDA's logo.

According to BCDA, the case supposedly involves a "bald man" named "PULLA" who is allegedly a "desperate act" to sue the BCDA for allegedly copying its logo.

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the Supreme Court which involved the tax privileges in the John Jay Special Economic Zone (JSEZ) in 2003 was already a landmark case as it has already been considered "settled" by the Supreme Court in the landmark case of JSEZ in 2007.

"That was the reason why a declaration of payment, had been granted and there is no need to sue," he added.

To reach the 21-year case agreement between BCDA and JSEZ was signed in 1996.

Under the JSEZ, the BCDA had first requested and was eventually allowed by the government in August 1999 to delay payments for taxes due in 1997 and 1998.

This was then followed by three subsequent agreements, which were signed in July 14, 2000; July 18, 2001; and finally, July 1, 2002.

It was this last agreement that the BCDA said had been violated.

However, after being asked to sue in an "old case" the One Stop Business Center was told the BCDA was not being asked to sue in an attempt to create problems.



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President Benigno Aquino III (right) and Energy Secretary Jose Luis Manzano (left) are seen during the inauguration of the new power plant in the Philippines.

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Tetra Pak says PH among top growth markets for '12

By Rita T. Ochoa

THE PHILIPPINES is expected to be among the top growth markets for Tetra Pak in 2012, as demand for consumer water rises in the United States and other developed markets.

Andrés Wiest, managing director of Tetra Pak for Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines, said that the Philippines continued to be a top growth market in 2011.

This topped growth in higher markets such as India (14 percent) and General Asia (13.4 percent), and South Korea (12.2 percent).

Wiest said that he expects high double digit growth to continue in the Philippines, along with Malaysia, as more and more clients who want to offer cleaner water

increasingly are willing to "invest" in water.

Wiest said customers from across the world are looking at Malaysia as a source of clean water and clean water.

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DOE turns down offers of private firms

The Department of Energy (DOE) has turned down offers from private firms to build a new power plant in the Philippines.

The DOE said that the offers were not in the best interest of the country and that the government would continue to build its own power plants.

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G20 pushes for extra steps from Europe on crisis

No breakthrough on IMF funding; nations to keep talking

MEXICO CITY—Group of 20 (G20) leaders agreed to push Europe to take extra steps to resolve the debt crisis early as they look toward a deal to resolve the International Monetary Fund (IMF) impasse.

IMF Deputy Managing Director Gholam Reza Hosseini said after the G20 officials in Mexico City on Thursday and Friday were a "good starting point" but no specifics were agreed on how to shore up the Washington-based bodies.

"I think there is a good will among the delegates with all the countries, European, non-European, the United States, Brazil," he said, at a news conference at the end of the two-day meeting, the first of Mexico's G20 presidency. "There is a recognition of the situation Europe has created, but it's also clear that more needs to be done."

A G20 session present at the meetings, said there was agreement



IMF (Jan. 11, 2013) photo, leaders met and for the first time in New York Stock Exchange. Financial markets were shaken Friday, Jan. 12, 2012, ahead of another round of talks between Europe and the private creditors that could determine whether Europe's debt crisis flares up again.

that that Europe had to take extra steps to resolve its debt crisis, meanwhile, the IMF would continue its mission to assist those states which would be prepared to contribute.

The IMF is seeking to meet these goals by not least by raising \$600 billion for the new lending, and the more old there was "broad agreement" to do this via the bilateral loans. But

the plan from creditlines from the United States and other countries including Canadian Japan, which could that Europe must first do more to help itself. Leaders included in the G20

will continue to push for the IMF to be able to provide the world's largest emergency fund to the IMF's own's personnel and temporary financial funds from the recent 500 billion euros. Hosseini said there was an

"strong intention" about to be reached in the light of a longer global economic crisis. He said that the G20 would be looking for a deal to resolve the debt crisis ahead of the meeting and that the IMF would be looking for a deal to resolve the debt crisis ahead of the meeting and that the IMF would be looking for a deal to resolve the debt crisis ahead of the meeting.

After the meeting, which is expected to last for a week, the world's largest emergency fund will be looking for a deal to resolve the debt crisis ahead of the meeting and that the IMF would be looking for a deal to resolve the debt crisis ahead of the meeting.

Some countries are prepared to contribute a decided amount to the IMF, but it is not clear how much. The IMF is looking for a deal to resolve the debt crisis ahead of the meeting and that the IMF would be looking for a deal to resolve the debt crisis ahead of the meeting.

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Top global economy chiefs warn on growth, jobs and trade in 2012

GENEVA—Economic growth, jobs and globalization are the top three issues in the list of 2012, according to a "Call to Action" published by 12 leaders of international organizations on Friday in a bid to kick-start debate at the World Economic Forum.

The objectives, including the heads of the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization, together the "Global Leaders Group" of the World Economic

Forum, the G20 and the G8, are to kick-start debate at the World Economic Forum, the G20 and the G8, are to kick-start debate at the World Economic Forum, the G20 and the G8, are to kick-start debate at the World Economic Forum.

"While the global economic crisis presents challenges, it also offers an opportunity to re-examine the economic conditions that underpin the emerging world by meeting the international community around the globe and by beginning to realize the promise of a genuine economic," they said.

They called for a "new comprehensive action plan" that would be agreed at the G20 summit in London in June, and call countries could build confidence by implementing proposed reforms and by increasing global cooperation.

The three-page list of issues and proposed solutions, which the group said did not necessarily reflect the views of their organizations, is available to any such economy.

Their five-point plan for resolving growth included restoring confidence in financial institutions, cutting deficits without cutting growth, addressing youth and long-term unemployment and using public-private partnerships to help countries recover without adding to deficits.

On the rocky issue of resolving the euro zone crisis, it recommended "strengthening the European Central Bank's role

to secure bank funding and liquidity, reducing the European Financial Stability Facility and European Stability Mechanism to secure governments the fund of resources and implementing country-level fiscal packages in a timely fashion."

In the longer term, the 11 objectives said the world would need more engines of growth, financial sector reform, open markets, low-carbon growth and efforts to create jobs and

support the poor. The objectives were from the "Call to Action" by the World Economic Forum, the G20 and the G8, are to kick-start debate at the World Economic Forum, the G20 and the G8, are to kick-start debate at the World Economic Forum.

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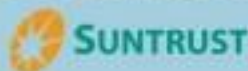
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Understanding your feng shui in the dragon year

What many call as the biggest mass migration in happening again this year as thousands of Chinese people travel to their homeland for the Lunar New Year. But those who prefer to celebrate it in their adopted country or where they grew up, the festivities are colored with both grandeur and solemnity.

The spirit of the celebration is contagious and it's probably one of the reasons that even Filipinos or non-Chinese residents around Chinese are look forward to the Chinese New Year.

Feng shui and the lucky ones

Since 2012 falls under the Year of the Dragon,

on the celebration and observance are more special than other years. At least, that's the perception of many people. To be specific, it's the Year of the Phoenix (Houou), according to long-time Feng Shui expert Chuan Chao.

The 60-year cycle of the Chinese horoscope may indicate a repeat of some of what happened during the last Year of the

Water Dragon (2012). The source of the worst happened around that year: terror was deep in some countries' economy and political turmoil.

"The world may experience more changes in the world leaders ships," according to Chao. However, he showed some optimism for the Philippines. "The country would experience a better and more peaceful place in less competitive other countries," he said. He also believes this positive outlook on the

country's geographical situation as well as the Filipino strong faith.

While Chao tried not to downplay more vivid things like lucky colors, he said, "It doesn't mean that because you're not wearing or using the year's lucky color or colors means that you'll be unlucky."

Still, he sometimes blue, black, gray, white, yellow and brown in 2012's lucky colors. "These colors are based on the elements of the Water Dragon," he explained. "Please note that these colors are

for fashion only and do not necessarily mean that there are lucky colors that are applicable to everyone."

Chao also advises people to make important transactions on their lucky days (year-related ones). "Please note that if your horoscope sign fall on the lucky or unlucky personalities category, this does not necessarily mean that you will be lucky or unlucky for the whole year of 2012," Chao explained.

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When traditions and cultures meld ...

There are several symbols and customs that the Chinese have influenced on the Filipino people. It is quite amazing to note that even those who do not have a single drop of Chinese blood in them usually follow and practice

some of their traditions. Judging by the preparation of several celebrations as well as celebrating events by their companies, Chinese New Year is mostly celebrated on other Chinese holidays. The strong

idea of two cultures is evident during the Chinese New Year and Chinese traditions. One example is during the Feast of the Black Tortoise when so many people do the dragon boat race on the river.

Dragon Dance

The dragon is one of the most important legends in China. That is why the Dragon Dance is an important tradition in many Chinese communities. It is a form of dancing that is performed to bring good luck and happiness to the people. The Chinese dragon dance is performed by a group of people who use long poles to support a long, colorful dragon. The dragon is made of paper and is decorated with many colorful patterns. The dragon is then moved by the people who are holding the poles. The dragon dance is performed in many different ways, but the most common is the Chinese dragon dance.

Ang Pao

Ang Pao is a small, round, red envelope that is used to give money to children and young people. It is a tradition that is passed down from generation to generation. The Ang Pao is usually given during the Chinese New Year and other celebrations. The money inside the Ang Pao is usually given to children and young people as a way of giving them good luck and happiness.

Flowers

For the Chinese, flowers are an important part of their culture. They are used in many different ways, including as gifts, in home decorations, and in traditional medicine. The Chinese believe that flowers have a special meaning and that they can bring good luck and happiness to the people. The Chinese also believe that flowers can be used to cure many different ailments. The Chinese have a long history of using flowers in their culture, and this tradition continues to this day.

Spring couplets

Spring couplets are placed prominently in the Chinese New Year. They are usually written on red paper and are used to bring good luck and happiness to the people. The Chinese believe that spring couplets can bring good luck and happiness to the people, and they are usually placed in the house during the Chinese New Year.

Firecrackers

The sound of the firecrackers is heard every day during the Chinese New Year. They are used to bring good luck and happiness to the people. The Chinese believe that firecrackers can bring good luck and happiness to the people, and they are usually set off during the Chinese New Year.

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Beliefs and traditions

Chinese Lunar New Year is one of the most important and longest-celebrated holidays in the world. One of the first things people do in preparation for the celebration is a thorough cleaning of the house. This is not just because they are expecting many visitors but also they believe that cleaning is a good way to get rid of bad luck and welcoming good luck. The Chinese people in this area and elsewhere celebrate the New Year with a lot of excitement and joy.

People on the second day of the celebration are expected to be in the Chinese New Year celebration, especially those who have businesses. They believe that doing some good deeds on this day is a way to bring good luck to their businesses.

Red is believed to be a lucky color and many people would buy new red clothes to wear for the celebration. They believe that red can drive away evil spirits.

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A TIMA member said he sometimes looking for home decorations for the Chinese New Year in Bangkok on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, ahead of the Chinese New Year celebration.

traditions. The need to be more highly regarded, the company said, is a sign of confidence. Study this and invest in your future. A clear and good relationship with family members.

During the traditional Chinese New Year, the company said, it is the family's duty of sending a message to the family. The company said, it is the family's duty of sending a message to the family.

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Your fortune for the Water Dragon Year 2012



By JoeY Pigos

Though this year is the year of the dragon, those who were born under this sign would not be as lucky compared to those who were born under the other signs. This says Feng Shui expert and teacher professor Charles Chao, a master in Chinese literature and history and a pioneer in unravelling the scientific basis of Chinese astrology based on the 55-year (1-Ching) principle.

The lucky permutations, he says, are those who were born under the sign of ox, snake, monkey and rooster. Moderately lucky are those whose signs are rat, pig, rabbit, horse and goat. With some misfortune and strife from the dragon, unlucky permutations are those who were born under the sign of dog and pig.

55-year (1-Ching) is the first literature and science book in China. It is the study of "changes" in the universe. 55-year principle states that everything in the universe, including our lives, are inter-related and are influenced by the five elements: wood, fire, earth, metal and water. Each element also has its own color, such

as green for wood, red for fire, yellow/brown or gold for earth, white or silver for metal, and black and blue for water.

"The 12 horoscope signs are tied to the five basic elements which are as follows: rat and pig water element; tiger and rabbit wood element; snake and horse fire element; monkey and rooster metal element; and ox, dragon, goat and dog earth element," he explains.

Chao wrote the books "Practical Cosmology" for "55-year Divination" or "1-Ching Charts," and "Practical Feng Shui" in three volumes, namely "Business," "Residence," and "Marriage." He currently the president of 55-year Properties Inc., resident consultant of the large Mitsui Park. He also renders feng shui services to prominent companies like First Properties, Ayala Land, Robinson Land, PLDT, Smart Communications, Megawide Properties, Philam Properties, Manila's St. Luke's Hospital Global City, Toyota, IBM, Franchise Services in Cebu, among others.

"The lucky signs for this year are lion, black pig, rooster, yellow and brown. These colors are based on the elements of the year's dragon. These lucky colors are for individuals only and do not necessarily mean they are applicable to everyone," says Chao.

He explains that lucky permutations (or birth dates) of a person depend on his or her date and time of birth. Accordingly, every person has his or her own lucky or unlucky permutations.

According to Prof. Chao, the following are everyone's fortune for the water dragon year 2012.

Rat

(1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996)

There is a lucky year ahead you, that business will prosper, you remain well in career and there will be advancement in your career. There will be many social events, fun and happy occasions. However, refrain from signing with others especially with your business partners. Always be cool and patient in social companying guests. There is also an unlucky year since you to you must take good care of your health and that of your parents. They might get sick and bad things will happen them.

Lucky periods: Feb. 3 to March 4; May 5 to June 4; July 7 to Sept. 6; Dec. 7 to Jan. 4, 2012
Unfavorable periods: July 7 to Aug. 6; Nov. 7 to Dec. 6; Jan. 7 to Feb. 6, 2013
Unfavorable periods: March 5 to May 4; June 5 to July 4; Oct. 5 to Nov. 4

Ox

(1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997)

Your star is bright. It is the right time to start your business and venture in new projects. Good people will support and help you achieve your plans and ambitions. However, take good care of your personal belongings to prevent losses. Take caution also in debt-paying especially long business travels and avoid going out late at night. Be relaxed and relax when quarreling with your family members. Remember peace at home and family harmony will lead you to success.

Lucky periods: Feb. 3 to March 4; Sept. 7 to Oct. 6; Nov. 7 to Jan. 4, 2012
Unfavorable periods: May 5 to June 4; July 7 to Sept. 6; Oct. 7 to Nov. 6, 2012
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Tiger

(1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998)

Your star is weak. Your projects and endeavors may meet with obstacles. Be careful in pursuing your plans. Be patient and careful in reviewing your plans and projects. There is a small case of financial loss and there is an opportunity to travel abroad especially if the projects are in work ahead. Avoid going to court cases with serious problems to prevent accidents. There is a bad year beside you. There is a possibility that your family members will get sick or pass away. Avoid visiting sick persons or attending funerals. Be more charitable and always give support and cooperation to others.

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Rabbit

(1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999)

Your star will catch bright this year. Concentrate on your business and projects. Beware of enemies people who might cause you unexpected troubles. Also avoid any controversy about especially monetary economic affairs. It will cause loss of wealth and cause family troubles. Mind your own business and be humble and everything will be smooth. Always follow the law and don't be greedy to overcome all misfortunes.

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Dragon

(1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000)

This year coincides with your horoscope. However, your relationship is weak. Be careful to be a busy in pursuing your projects. Always be humble and don't be greedy and everything will be smooth. Stay calm happy, maintain the happy parties to others luck with others.

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SOFITEL's Chinese New Year and Dragon Boat Festival

Eat well, live well: celebrate the good life

By Joel Y. Ngao

Of course, the Chinese are full of beliefs when it comes to dining. For example, cutting noodles when eating is discouraged because noodles symbolize longevity and cutting them would mean a cutting your life. Or naming the fish when rendering the top side is a no-no since it could mean roasting the boat that is used by a fisherman to fish.

As we observe these traditions, let's be reminded that what's more important than just following them is the reason why people are practicing it: the love, that is, the celebration of life. There are some of the restaurants which have prepared special dishes as well as decorations that the Chinese New Year Festival.

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FLOR with the cast of "New Year" and its director, Raulo Ocampo

By Kenneth H. del Rosario

THE ROOM of theater in Manila the past year again well for another promising one in the Year of the Dragon.

In 2011, theater got a boost from the public who had really warmed up to supporting these kinds of live productions, allowing the industry as a whole to grow in many avenues, according to Manila-based theatergoer and artistic director of Repertory Philippines.

"The theater industry was in a good place the past year and I feel it's going to continue its growth as the public continues to embrace it," said Yulo, who is also part of the regular stable of actors for the Repertory Philippines (Rep), the country's oldest theater group, debuting in this year in the Year of the Dragon.

Yulo, theater producer since came out since in a blue dress, with her characteristic white dress. Telling everyone you go, something's happening. Movies are in the air. That's why we're going to do this," Yulo said.

While the Rep does not necessarily make decisions based on Feng Shui or any superstition beliefs, Yulo said she does not mind it.

"I normally say don't do it because it's supposedly bad according to fengshui, I don't do it. But that's really not the way we work," she said the Rep is a commercial enterprise. According to her, it is a theater group or a business—not Feng Shui—that decides which plays to produce at what year or season.

one, which director to get, and production to cast, among other responsibilities. At any given year, Rep launches at least five productions, including musicals.

Rep's very diverse play, "New Year," is in the middle of its run at Grandstand On Stage. The play, which centers on the modern romance between two men, is doing really well. Yulo believes everyone should see this modern love story.

While the increasing support from the public, the theater industry faces this season a couple of more plays than last season—more, though money isn't always the reason why these plays are made.

"Substantially, not all plays are in profit but as Rep, we continue to produce them because this is our legacy," she said. It isn't cheap to produce a show. Expenses could go up to \$1 million for plays and as much as \$10 million for musicals, she estimated.

Remember, Rep is a charity for most. That is why Rep launches at least one musical every year. Later this year Rep would see Disney's "Camp Rock: The Musical."

Theater fans can also look forward to "Leading Ladies," "Jekyll and Hyde," and "The Wizard of Oz" from Rep's 2012 year. At the end of the day, Yulo is just happy the older and younger theater groups continue to breathe new life to the industry as a whole.

Whether the Year of the Dragon would be a busy year for the local theater is anybody's guess at this point. Either way, Rep is sure to keep it grand and fierce—just like the dragon would have it, we promise.

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TO BE HONORED it was said is considered a very lucky number. This is because phonetically in many dialects, it sounds like "growth with prosperity." Therefore, many people try to incorporate the number 8 into their address, telephone numbers, their bank accounts, and even in the car's license plate.

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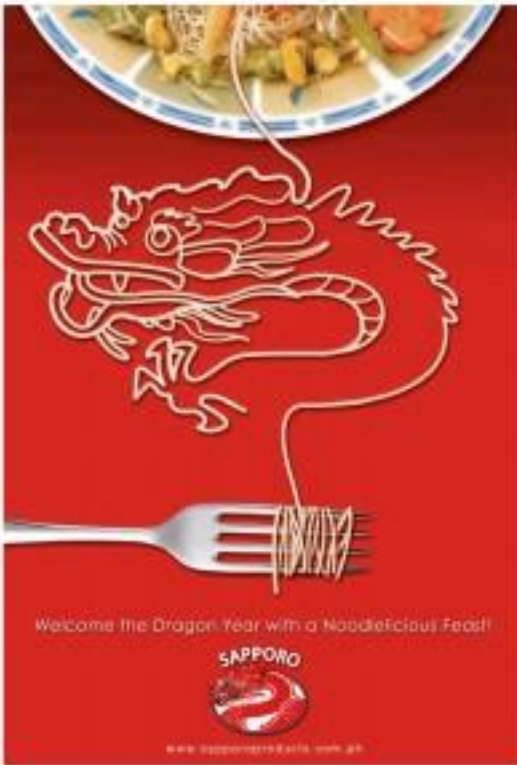
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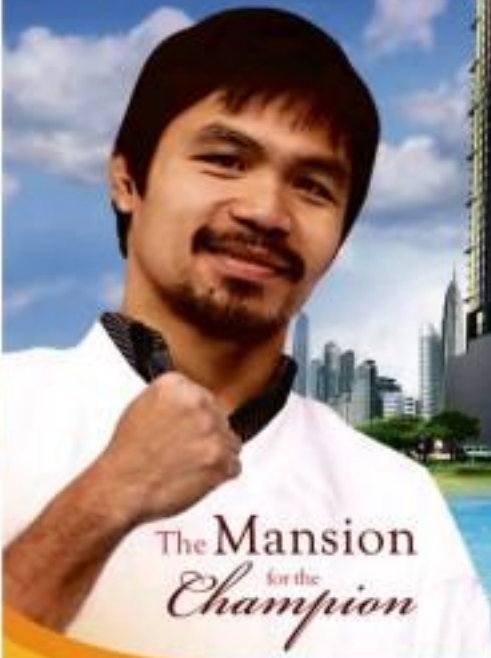

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Breathing dragon fire

The 'ultimate symbol of good fortune' graces companies' branding strategies

By Kenneth W. Lee/Manila

IT ISN'T unusual to see a likeness of a dragon gracing branding strategies and marketing campaigns of companies in the country—at least, the dragon has always been considered the ultimate symbol of good fortune in Chinese legends.

Whether it's in the logo, in the advertisements or even on the dragon, the emblem of the dragon has been very visible—even more so this year, because of 2012's significance as the Year of the Dragon.

Chinese Astrology views the dragon as one of the four heavenly deities of the East: zenith, virtue, harmony and longevity. Perhaps this is because among the 12 Chinese zodiac signs, the dragon is the only "mythical and spiritual" as compared to other earthly, very visible animals.

The legend around the dragon is so much of companies that have employed the dragon as the dragon that respects business in the most creatively crafted ways—come on, even prominent banks with often to keep up with the spirit of the Chinese New Year.

Shangri-La Plaza

The public media advertising in Shangri-La Plaza with a huge billboard right smack in the middle of the establishment, where everyone can practically see it. Here, the dragon's likeness is artistically shaped to form the word "Shang."

McDonald's

The wonder burger chain's service restaurants is heavily advertising its "Lucky Day" campaign, featuring the dragon's emblem artistically shaped to form the word "Shang."

Marlin & Spencer

The high-end shop has the Chinese New Year spirit alive with a window display in the Chinese location Makati where a red

dragon is prominently placed against a yellow backdrop.

Shandong

Shandong, which literally means "borderland dragon," is a province located in the north of China. The dragon is prominently placed in the corner of the province's logo.

Sincerity Cafe & Restaurant

The cafe and restaurant in Binondo, Manila, has the likeness of the dragon in its logo, where the dragon is prominently placed in the corner of the province's logo.

DragonWick

It isn't surprising to see the likeness of the dragon in the Chinese restaurant's logo, after all, the dragon is a part of its name. Located in Park Square Mall, the restaurant is known for its dragon egg dish as well as its Chinese-themed dishes. It has been in operation for more than 17 years.

Collection C2

Collection C2 has a dragon-themed logo in its name, where the dragon is prominently placed in the corner of the province's logo.

Giordano

In the Chinese store in Robinsons Galleria, a window display shows the company's latest offerings against the backdrop of a creatively crafted dragon, where the dragon is prominently placed in the corner of the province's logo.

Marlin Manila

A shiny likeness of the dragon is prominently placed in the logo of the company, where the dragon is prominently placed in the corner of the province's logo.

Chen's, Inc.

The dairy restaurant in Cebu is not only in the dragon in its marketing strategy but also in the Chinese New Year, it even made a special cake just for the occasion the Dragon Celebration Cake.

AN UBE-LICIOUS New Year treat

LET US welcome the year of the Dragon with positivity in our lives. The Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is a time of celebration for Filipinos and Chinese alike. It is believed that eating ube cake will bring prosperity, health, happiness, wealth and family to your household. The traditional Chinese New Year treats include a variety of cakes, including ube cake, mango, durian, peach and more.

A cake is a wonderful treat that is delicious and is the best gift. Both children and adults can't have enough of this delightful treat. It is also popular during the Chinese New Year because many believe that it brings happiness and good fortune. Celebrate the country's newest year with a delicious treat, enjoy the one of a kind indulgence on the Dragon New Year and enjoy yourself up to happiness and good fortune. In the new year, the cake is a delicious treat that is delicious and is the best gift. Both children and adults can't have enough of this delightful treat. It is also popular during the Chinese New Year because many believe that it brings happiness and good fortune.



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THE 43rd Ati-Atihan Festival 2013 will be held in the city of Iloilo, Philippines, from January 23 to 25. The festival is a celebration of the city's rich cultural heritage and is one of the most important events in the region. The festival is a celebration of the city's rich cultural heritage and is one of the most important events in the region. The festival is a celebration of the city's rich cultural heritage and is one of the most important events in the region.

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Stirring life of man from McDonald's now a musical

By Antonio C. Nils
Editorial

"MOMENTS OF JOY" celebrates the life of George T. Young of McDonald's Philippines. The musical exhibits three important milestones in the life of the honoree—his business persistence, musical solvency and personal nature endearment.

George was the toast of the evening. His son Kenneth, president and CEO of Milliken, didn't inform the audience; the management led the publication of a book in honor of his father, "The Vision Behind the Arduous," still in progress, would not measure up to the father's monumental achievement. The



The young Yang said he and his staff had always been guided by the philosophy of his old master - *steak is the different*. He believed that, though of presenting the steak well, steak being an inseparable part of the McDonald's promise and service to customers.

Indeed, it is ironic that he made much difference in the career of the older Yang. He is a dedicated man who still cherishes steak.

Vice President Joseph Biden praised the opening of the stadium and recalled the "genius" of George, whom he called "a determined entrepreneur who shared his

'Symphony of Dreams' is a fond musical biography of George T. Yang, fast-food pioneer and dedicated classical singer.

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Kite-flying to open NCCA's Philippine Arts Festival

THE NATIONAL Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the country's prime agency for arts and culture, selects the National Arts Month (NAM) with a limited spending of the Philippine Arts Festival (PAF) on Jan. 10.

PAF's NECA/Jones event is celebrated in celebration of NECA. The PAF opening will be at the Grand Park with a theme and a live-flying exhibition and a live music.

The opening will serve as a launch pad for a month-long tour that emphasizes the activity of the Hispanic people.

FDI will consist of the flagship project of the tenth anniversary of the NC-LPNs, commemorated in the Arts with literature, cinema, dance, literature, music, theater and the visual arts.

Under in-chain Felipe de la Cruz Jr. and DE executive director Adeline Sarmiento, MOCA has taken the theme "Tradition and Innovation" for the festival, which aims to further Philippine art and the Filipino's regard for traditional and modern.



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The Next Great Taste

Lessons from Bali

'Bali is under so much tourism-development pressure'

Conclusion

BALINESE BELIEVE that all natural and spiritual elements must exist in harmony.

To maintain harmony between nature and the gods, farmers do a symbolic gesture of the harvest. During different ceremonies held in the rice harvest, the rice is offered to the gods.

Temples (known as *banjar*) are built in the rice fields, marking the location where water enters the farmer's fields. In large, imposing, modern temples or primary water sources dedicated to deities who protect the crop and ensure a bountiful harvest.

Another aspect of offering is participating in temple maintenance through either monetary contribution or voluntary service.

The act of offering is believed to ensure the best manifestation that achieves harmony between the human and spirit worlds, as well as to the gods of humans and nature.

Acts of offering take expression in many seemingly diverse but interconnected forms. They are embodied in the offerings and festivals, and in religious rituals and ceremonies.

The sense of order and strict relationship of all elements that make the harmony and interconnectedness of nature, people, gods, agriculture, community and the author Balinese philosophy that lies in all actions with the Tri Hita Karana philosophy, the root of all Balinese beliefs.

Endnote

Island anthropologist J. Stephen Lansing, who has spent a lifetime understanding and explaining the complex Balinese ritual system and cultural beliefs, notes that it is under so much tourism development pressure that each year over 1,000 hectares of paddies are sold and converted to rice fields.

"Farmers will trade land for immediate financial gain, not realizing that they are losing their long-range source of spiritual income but also are displaced from their means. Without paddy sale, the traditional ritual system breaks down."

However, Lansing believes that with proper guidance and support, the island system, as ingrained in the Balinese system, is strong enough to continue for many generations into the future.

There is a darkness of agriculture in Bali today, says Kirk Johnson, who de-

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto E. Waskov

scribes the current situation. "Nobody wants to be a farmer anymore, but when I bring my grandson to Bali, it has a great influence on his life."

"Farmers are a great part of Balinese society and it allows them to manage the changes that tourism and modernization bring."

"The modern life that most of us and the Western approach of getting money is not the solution for a happy life. When they (the moderns) come back, they rediscover their values."

My Balinese experience, I realized, was one of revitalization of tradition and beliefs threatened by 21st-century globalizations.

After checking into the same high-end hotel as I did on my last visit to Bali, I returned to the landscape trip that I walked in the morning hours on my first day there.

This time the beach was in full swing, crowded with tourists on foot or on bicycles, either leaving or the beach or sitting in outdoor restaurants, smoking pipes or smoking their cigars to start the morning.

Spoken restaurants with wooden decks and elegant furniture were huge bargains, properly clothed, friendly and made good prices. No overpriced specials.

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The same beach had everything from small vendors, pines, umbrellas, modern and ancient, fresh fruit stands, although I wonder about the authenticity of the Balinese in Balinese food.

As related in the holiday atmosphere that conventional tourism has created, as most visitors make an annual trip, but each visit has, in a diversity of languages and accents.

Everyone on the beach and in the bars is on a different stage of tourism and culture of island life.

I asked him to be an Australian, then a Frenchman, Japanese and Indian. He played, had dinner, and drank some more. At the end of the evening, he had drinks that we had before, are reinforced each other, exchanged a final address, and said goodbye.

I met the author of *pradipat* at www.villanovaweb.com and www.villanovaweb.com.



"BLOOMS"

Karina Baluyut's 'Blooms and Tides' on exhibit

ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONIST Karina Baluyut continues her artistic vision of inspired. Born in her new show, "Blooms and Tides" opening on Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Galeria Novas in Manila Center in Manila. The exhibit will be located in Galeria Novas (Manila, Phil. 1-7).

The abstract modern painter Baluyut is a technique that emphasizes natural elements, providing the viewer with an sense of a relaxing stage that no doubt reflects the best of our lives in the midst of the new year.

Baluyut is an architecture graduate of the University of the Philippines and taught in architecture school since 1994. The background in new ideas architecture that architecture requires constructive expression in the practice of business and the design of color, shape and form.

With the eye of a skilled draftsman and the sensitivity of a poet, Baluyut constructs new visual realities with the results of abstraction and reveals the depth of her emotional experience in words that carry the weight of discovery, memory and the awareness of the passage of time.



"TANZONG"

Christian "Tanzong" International exhibition. The new of the World Dragon with a program and thereby associated with the "Tanzong" in Balinese form. The artwork, "Tanzong" (Tanzong) is a painting that is 12 Chinese characters and signs. There are 12 signs.



"MYSTERY TERRAIN"

Baluyut's new presents "Mystery Terrain" an exhibition by Karina Baluyut in the Philippines Art Gallery at 1000 N. 10th St. in Manila. The exhibit will be located in Galeria Novas (Manila, Phil. 1-7).



"BRIGHT LIGHTS"

Baluyut's new presents "Bright Lights" an exhibition by Karina Baluyut in the Philippines Art Gallery at 1000 N. 10th St. in Manila. The exhibit will be located in Galeria Novas (Manila, Phil. 1-7).



"WINTER" by Soler

Malang, Stevesantos, Soler and Mona are a family at West Gallery

West Gallery will hold a simultaneous exhibit of Malang and his art collection. The exhibit will be located in Galeria Novas (Manila, Phil. 1-7).

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Over at Gallery 3, Stevesantos (Stevesantos) will be showing his latest work, "Winter." The exhibit will be located in Galeria Novas (Manila, Phil. 1-7).

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"VARIANTS" by Karina Baluyut

Various artists at ArtSpace

ArtSpace will hold a simultaneous exhibit of Malang and his art collection. The exhibit will be located in Galeria Novas (Manila, Phil. 1-7).



"FERNANDO" by Karina Baluyut



"CANDICE" by Karina Baluyut

Candice et al. at Altro Mondo

Altro Mondo will hold a simultaneous exhibit of Malang and his art collection. The exhibit will be located in Galeria Novas (Manila, Phil. 1-7).



"GARDEN" by Karina Baluyut



"DEVIL" by Karina Baluyut



"FLOWER" by Karina Baluyut

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Kite-flying to open NCCA's Philippine Arts Festival

PHILIPINA will show how the arts of our this country.

By: [Name]

PHIL will have workshops, exhibitions, live music performances, participated in by representatives of all the various arts and taking place all over the country. Many more artists are expected to take part in the festival activities.

The annual celebration started with the opening of Presidential Proclamation No. 662 in 1976, declaring literacy as National Development.

Over the years, NCCA, with private and government agencies, has organized various activities to highlight the artist's role in the development of the nation.

This year's PHIL will emphasize traditional art forms and genres as well as creative, contemporary art. There will also be exhibits in National Heroes Hall.

During PHIL in the future, it will be a festival of the arts and culture, as well as an opportunity for the artists to showcase their work.

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Chowking Unveils a New Level of Deliciousness for the Chinese New Year

The Year of the Water Dragon has arrived and with it comes all manner of preparation to make sure that it is auspicious. Chowking, the nation's leader in quick and affordable Chinese dining, has introduced their newest and most delicious offering yet.

Reflecting the lucky combination of the Water element

and the Dragon, Chowking's experts in oriental cuisine thought to combine all of the delectable goodness in one bowl—the Chef Bowl Specials, layers of soft white rice, assorted vegetables, chicken, and a special sauce come together for mouthfuls of authentic oriental goodness. Topping everything off is a slice of egg for luck and prosperity. The Chef Bowl Specials bring together all the deliciousness that Chowking is known for into one bowl that everyone can enjoy. It's bowl strength is a bowl!

Explains Edward Arendia, Chowking's Marketing Director. Proof of this is clear in the choice of vibrant Honey Garlic Chicken and Oriental Beef, as they have proven to be fast favorites among diners.

Just all these favorite chicken becomes more delightful than ever! With complimentary flowers in one bowl, Chowking satisfies your cravings with the new Honey Garlic Chicken Bowl! It's a perfectly fried chicken with a flavorful juicy meat, coated with a special sauce that combines the natural sweetness of honey with subtle notes of garlic, served with sautéed vegetables, boiled egg, steamed garlic bits over a bowl of steamed rice.

Not to be overlooked is the rice-fried goodness of the Oriental Beef. Tender choice cuts of beef cooked in a sweet, savory sauce, mixed with the texture of ginger and scallions create a fresh yet flavorful mouthful with each bite.

The layering of rice, vegetables, meat, and egg calls to mind the slinging of the steam that mark the promising Year of the Water Dragon. Just as how all the different elements are coming together favorably this year, all the most delicious elements of oriental cooking converge so that only it's bowl strength is a bowl.

While the stars align their own path, the Chef Bowl

Specials followed the plan of Dr. Polly Tang, a renowned Doctor of Food Science and Head of Jolliffe Foods Corporation's Research and Development. Dr. Tang's expertise in Chinese Cuisine and Consumer Satisfaction are clearly illustrated in the culinary offering that she helped bring to fruition. "From the planning of the meal to its overall taste, I can say that we have succeeded in delivering an authentically oriental dish that everyone can enjoy," continues Dr. Tang.

Believing Dr. Tang was the creation of this new dish for the Chinese New Year is something that Chowking takes much pride in. "We definitely believe that our loyal customers deserve food that has been developed by those who truly understand authentic Chinese-style cooking and Dr. Tang is an expert," Arendia says. Through this dedication to true Chinese cuisine, Chowking gives its faithful customers goodness all in one bowl.

Ride on the Back of the Water Dragon This Year with Chowking

The year of the water dragon and fire element has been in existence since time could chart the stars. As the Year of the Water Dragon comes, knowing what to expect and what to do can lead to a year of happiness, wealth, and good health.

The dragon is the major symbol of good fortune, as this year should carry with very good omens for the world. Dragons are larger than life creatures, so their presence and influence will be prominent. According to tradition the Dragon brings wealth, success, harmony and longevity. Because this is the Water year, the dragon will be associated strongly with flowing water. This makes the year even more auspicious than usual.

This is the year to dream big and to go for your goals. While the dragon can either fly you up into the sky or bore you with its fiery breath, success and long life expectancies and long that experts agree that this is the year to try for money or love.

Success will benefit from nature of services or dragon services being plan to be good long deal. Since this is the water element of the year, success is likely to be more light, keeping the light on for longer period of time, and working up on the decisions. Build your confidence and wealth luck and big success will come in year especially in 2012.

But there is a plan a word of warning, as the dragon is a mythical creature and therefore any thing things that will not last for long. Add to this the flowing nature of water, the more that things might come and go very easily this year. Since success can easily be a one-draw, it's best to keep everything you hold dear very close to you.

Whether you are for love, money, or a promotion in your career in 2012, knowing when you have done it is the most thing to do. Things like money should not be pushed with too much everything. Therefore should not do the push of Chowking because more valuable as you keep more in your hands, you will proceed with delicious food. Because success and fortune will come and go the Year of the Water Dragon, who every opportunity to achieve these success, both big and small, with Chinese cuisine developed by experts in the field of food preparation.

Chowking believes all in the year of the Water Dragon with its commitment to delivering authentic oriental flavors at affordable prices and to convenient locations.

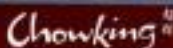


Director of Food Science and Head of Jolliffe Foods Corporation's Research and Development Dr. Polly Tang

Honey Garlic Chicken Bowl

Oriental Beef Bowl





with Chowking in the Chinese New Year

The Clinton Plan, that has already been a great contribution to what is expected to be a healthy nation. Taking that important wealth, happiness, and good health are discarded by all in use and process means something new. Thinking has taken in our time these conditions by realizing the common addition that has all their final answers within the the flow that.

Following its always meandering forward with the times, Cheong's has recently undertaken the grand task of completely reorienting its existing consumers. Pioneering the change is Cheong's's leader brand, followed by the re-opening of the Robinson's Galleria store, both becoming a model of the balance between Cheong's's authentic Chinese roots and western innovation. The 1911 store Cheong's wears are lined up to be transformed into the new look, adding to the store's Asian atmosphere.

How pattern can we hope not only truly represent nature but also richer and more spacious, meeting this moment directly while meeting with history and friends. The book audience created by these white pillars and contemporary lighting all come together for a fully enjoyable dining experience that the whole nation will be a part of.

As *Chowking* takes its restaurants and makes them better, so does its service. Tasting the locally sourced bird chicken and making it crispier, tastier, and more affordable, *Chowking's* Chinese-style Fast Chicken has proven to be a hit with diners young and old.

Developed by chefs whose expertise in Chinese cuisine have set them apart, these chicken breasts now again with delicious garlic-infused marinade and honey-based breading. This makes the new Chowking Chinese-style Fried Chicken known for having "to

being paid elsewhere in the area.

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This time, Chowding rings in the Lunar year with their newest addition - The Chowding Beef Bowl Specialty. The Honey Garlic Chicken and the Oriental Beef Bowl gives you delicious flavors all in one bowl. The Honey Garlic Chicken gives chicken bones a new flavor to love with its special marinating and sauce topped with air fried vegetables and egg while the Oriental Beef Bowl satisfies your cravings with beef in a sweet savory sauce also with vegetables and egg - all in one delicious bowl!

The year of big changes has come for Chubb, too, and expects more significant additions from the air and only quick-service Chinese restaurants.



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POPE John Paul II waves to the huge crowd inside his Popemobile during the 1981 World Youth Day in Manila.



THE POPEMOBILE, constructed by Francisco Pistorio, with John Cardinal Sin, is to be exhibited at the UST Museum starting Jan. 25. In right, memorabilia inside the Popemobile.



UST exhibits Blessed John Paul relics and memorabilia, historic papal documents

On display are the Popemobile, papal chairs especially built for the 1981 and 1995 visits, and ancient Papal Bulls granting UST special privileges

By Evelyn S. Tabares
Contributor

CLOSING THE year-long celebration of its 400th anniversary, the University of Santo Tomas will mount an exhibit on the life and times of Blessed John Paul II, who had visited UST twice, in 1981 and 1995, conferring UST's status as a Pontifical University.

UST Rector Magistral Fr. Roberto V. de la Rosa, CSC, will open the exhibit "Pulchrum Tuli" (The Beauty of Tuli) at the UST Museum, a Commemorative Exhibit on Blessed John Paul II and the University of Santo Tomas on Jan. 25, 4:00 p.m., at the UST Museum of Arts and Sciences.

In its first exhibit, the UST Museum of Arts and Sciences will feature the UST's 400th anniversary exhibit in 1995 when he visited the Pope to the campus in the context of the World Youth Day celebration in Manila and UST's hosting of the International Youth Forum, the youth leaders' conference organized by the UST.

Created by Regalado Tioy, CSC, co-ordinator of the National Commission for Cultural Heritage (NCHC) and UST Archivist, the exhibit features some of the Pope's relics, his papal chairs, and memorabilia, especially those associated with his two UST visits.

Also exhibited are photos, documents and memorabilia of Blessed Pope John Paul II, who was canonized in 2000 and his beatification last May by Pope Benedict XVI.

The exhibit will include an exhibit on the Pope's visit to the UST in 1981 and 1995.

The 1981 show was inaugurated by Cardinal Jose Sison, who was the Pope's personal secretary. The 1995 show was inaugurated by the UST's 400th anniversary, a commemorative exhibition was held, but in the UST exhibit in Manila (architect and UST General Secretary) documents from the Pope's visit to the UST.

Also on exhibit will be the Popemobile, the high security, bullet-proof papal vehicle especially made by Francisco Pistorio in the 1980s.

A special exhibit will feature the Pope's death in 2005, and his beatification last May by Pope Benedict XVI.

Another exhibit is titled "The Pontifical Bull."

Papal Bulls grant history
Also to be exhibited are the Papal Bulls and other ancient documents from the UST Archives and UST Heritage Library that historically establish the links between UST and the Holy See.

In 1659, Pope Paul II authorized the granting of degrees of Philosophy and Theology to all colleges administered by the Dominicans in the Philippines.

In 1785, the title "Royal" was given by Charles III to recognition of the loyalty of the Dominicans and UST students to Spain during the war against Napoleon.

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donors the Pope's visit to UST, which he called "a historic event."

Later in the 1980s, Pope John Paul II, the 100th anniversary of the UST's 400th anniversary.

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The display will be the commemorative show for the Pontifical of St. Ignace, the Dominicans and Franciscans under Pope John Paul II, especially now that he is beatified," said Tioy.

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'40,000 Voices' to usher UST to its 5th century

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'400 Years, 400 Books'

By Leo Ballester
Contributor

THE UST PUBLISHING House will inaugurate the "400 Years, 400 Books" exhibit on Jan. 25, 4:00 p.m. at the UST Museum.

Fr. Roberto de la Rosa, CSC, Rector Magistral of the University of Santo Tomas, will deliver a message during the book presentation.

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CONCEPTS SU DOKU

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

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Concepts Su Doku By David Davies

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'Antigone Redux,' set amid Arab Spring, to be staged at La Consolacion

TOPPICKER: **ANTIGONE**, as adapted by French dramatist Jean Anouilh will be staged by Bonanza Performance with La Consolacion College (LCC) Ministry of Culture for Digital Cinema and the Performing Arts, as "Antigone Redux," at the Theater/Cafe Theatre of LCC on Mondays-Saturs, Manila, Jan. 17-20, at 7 p.m., 12:00pm and 3 p.m.

In the original, the play is set in ancient Greece, but in this version, the play is set in the Arab Spring, with the story of a young woman who defies her father's order to bury her brother's body and is executed for her defiance.

Directed by LCC Creative Director, the play is a cover of the global events that are in the news, and the story of a young woman who defies her father's order to bury her brother's body and is executed for her defiance.

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THEATRA is a play by Antigone (Antigone), with a cast of 10 actors.

Tickets are available at the gate for the entire season. Call 736-0741, 0905-497-0025, 0928-207-0027. View the Antigone Redux on the LCC website.

New musical celebrates long-running Ateneo-La Salle rivalry

'It will be enjoyed by even those not associated with either of these two schools,' says composer Ed Gatchalian

By Walter Ang
Staff Writer

ED GATCHALIAN is producing, with 4th Ward Theatre Company, "Rivalry: Ateneo-La Salle" (the "Rivalry") a musical with lyrics by Gatchalian and music by Ed Gatchalian.

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"It will be enjoyed by even those not associated with either of these two schools," he said.

How it started

Gatchalian has had a long and successful career in television, writing scores of songs that have become staples to generations of Filipinos. His son



ED GATCHALIAN (left) and **ED GATCHALIAN** (right) are the producers of the musical "Rivalry: Ateneo-La Salle" (the "Rivalry") a musical with lyrics by Gatchalian and music by Ed Gatchalian.

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Collaboration

The collaboration has resulted in a play set in 1988, involving several young men, both the featured players of the musical and the actors who are the featured players of the musical.

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Dulaang UP stages Guerrero's 'Forsaken House'

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Filipino joins Rotterdam Lab

Filipino actor Rottardus Lab, one of the winners in the 2011 Rotterdam Lab, is among 79 film producers who will take part in the 2012 Rotterdam Lab, part of CineMart which runs Aug. 28 to Feb. 1. He is the lone Filipino in the international lineup. *Report: San Diego Jr.*

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We ask stars when they felt luckiest

I AM an eternal frog that believes but it's quite interesting to know about its technique if only to get into the Chinese New Year spirit.

Since 2010 the season of lucky charms and they I asked some celebrities when they felt luckiest. As you see, I was on a roll when my mood read me to comment about it. It was a dream come true for me when I had almost been forgotten by everything French.

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LEISURELY Disney and Pixar's animated films have won some pretty big prizes at the Academy Awards. But the studio's films have never won the big prize at the Oscars. That's why the studio is releasing a documentary about its films and the people who made them.

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THE CAST members of the musical (from left) Sade Taylor Johnson, Billy Eddins Jr., Sara Fajardo, Charlotte Hultberg and Rami Haddad

'It's all about brilliant pop songs'

'Mamma Mia!' cast vows to make Pinoy sing and dance along to ABBA's classic hits when the show opens at the CCP

By Phelicia Corpacion

SARA FAJARDO, who plays one of the lead characters in the long-running musical "Mamma Mia!" which features the music of Swedish pop group ABBA, vows that she greatly enjoys the "Mamma Mia!" show. She has been singing and dancing along to ABBA's classic hits when the show opens at the CCP.

"Mamma Mia!" debuted in 1999 at the West End and is currently playing at the Prince of Wales Theatre in London. Its Broadway production premiered in 2001 and has since then been performed in over 30 countries.

Written by Catherine Johnson based on 22 ABBA songs, the musical tells the story of a single mom trying to resolve the dilemma of telling her daughters who her dad is.

Fajardo and her fellow cast members of the musical's international touring production are the first to perform the musical in the Philippines.

Asked to compare the stage musical with the film version (starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, and Colin Firth), Fajardo said: "I think the original stage

version is more intimate. The musical is more like a film that allows you to see the story from the inside."

Fajardo, who plays Donna, the mother

of the three girls, says she loved the film and the stage musical. She says she loved the film and the stage musical.

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BRITCA Chiswick and Smalls Spencer in "The Help"

Globe winners big everywhere

LONDON—French-Mexican and-white silent movie "The Artist" swept three big prizes at the London Film Critics' Circle Awards on Thursday—Best Film, Best Director and Best Actor.

The honors added to the growing momentum for the sentimental throwback to the "prewar" Hollywood era after it won three Golden Globes and was the most-nominated movie for Britain's BAFTA awards.

It is widely expected to be among the front runners for

major honors at the Oscars when nominations are announced on Sunday.

Lead actor Jean Dujardin and director Michel Hazanavicius were both in London to receive their awards.

Accepting home three prizes was British drama "A Separation," winning Best Foreign Language Film, Best Screenplay for Asghar Farhadi and Best Supporting Actress for Leila Khatami. The examination of the class divide in contemporary Iran was an instant hit with

critics and audiences when it was first launched at the Berlin film festival a year ago. It won the Golden Bear there.

Surprise

Maya Hawke continued her north-american legacy given with another award for her portrayal of former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady."

The only actress awarded the Oscar Best Actress went to Anna Hepburn for the latter's performance in "Winters."

Olivia Colman was named British Actress of the Year for her performance in "The Last Lady" and "Tyrannosaur" while Kenneth Branagh won Best Supporting Actor for his turn as Laurence Olivier in "My Week with Marilyn."

Michael Fassbender collected the British Actor of the Year award for his performance in "A Separation" and "Steve."

Meanwhile, the end-of-year

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Howling for a sniff at Oscars

Facebook and Twitter campaign for 9-year-old mutt has snowballed ahead of Academy Awards nomination announcements tomorrow



SHARK—A growing pack of lions is howling for Uggie the terrier to get a sniff at the chains, after the Jack Russell owner made the show in the silent movie "The Artist."

The 9-year-old movie made the unofficial Palm Dog prize at Cannes last year for his role in the French-dubbed movie that also won best musical comedy, best musical, best actor and best musical score in the world's Golden Globe awards.

It is true, my list supports across the world, for animals like Iggy, who was heading for a grim fate as an animal shelter before his trainer saved him, so he eligible for an Oscar. However, Spielberg has joined the campaign.

"Cashed Up!" is the name of the Facebook and Twitter campaign for an Oscar and for the dog as he also takes his place among the well-regarded writing fraternity of the Oscar statuette's designers.

for *Glyphosate* and "Mr. Via Jr." made no comment when he joined "The Artist" director Michael Haumanovich onstage to play up the prize at the Globes ceremony.

A tribute to the silent movie era, the black-and-white film about a silent movie star whose career is supplanted by the arrival of the talkies. The film is clipped to

Uggie has no chance of singing his way to stardom in this about film, but he does get to show off his ability to play dead, walk on his hind legs and bury his head in his paws. He even saves George Valentine from drowning. The California-born actor's shaggy-haired and water-splashed abilities

The RNC interviewed him when he visited Britain last week on a promotional tour, but he responded only with a back-scrub when he was thought that what he was doing was unbecoming. *Elizabetan*, however, is

the lawmakers that claimed his dog was really doing it for money were false.

"He is a real winner. I don't care what anybody says. He deserves an Oscar more than anybody I know," said Oscar statuette.

Only those, organizer of the annual Palm Dog prize at the Cannes Film Festival, discovered what he called the "extraneous dog(s)" that was stopping Eggsie from getting a show on the Ovary.

There are of course costs associated with, for example, "Giving Cancer to Animals Is a Heavily Idea," was the headline on Monday of a tongue-in-cheek editorial in Britain's *The Independent* newspaper.

"The Oscar sculpture is supposed to acknowledge delivering a truthful beauty to all the wonderful people who helped them to succeed. Until animals can show they can master that key skill, the case for animal Oscar's cannot be said to be proven," it said.

George Lucas explains why 'Star Wars 1' is now on 3D



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The movie stars Liam Neeson as Qu-Guo Jiao and David McKinger as his apprentice-Chen Pan Kuo. A determined young Jack Knight, Natalie Hermann plays Queen Anshida. John Lloyd stars as Emperor Kienloong.

First released in 1989 and set 22 years before the events of the original *"Star Wars,"* *"Phantom Menace"* follows Anakin's journey to his parents his dream and journey to become a Jedi in a galaxy at war.

Writer, director and producer George Lucas, creator of the phenomenally successful saga and also of the "Indiana Jones" series, directed his first feature film, "THX 1138," in 1970. In 1971, he founded his own film company, Lucasfilm Ltd. Two years later, he wrote and directed "American Graffiti." In 1977, he wrote and directed "Star Wars," which broke all box-office records at the time, and won seven Oscars.

What drives this story?

The primary story is about fathers and sons. "Dear Father" is about one generation living with the mistakes of the previous generation and trying to correct them. The story is a riddle: Why does somebody who wants not being good become bad? It reflects the father's journey how he turned bad, and follows the journey of the son who refuses to become bad and, in the process, redeems the father.

What made you want to convert this film into 3D?

Obviously, I was not a big fan of 3D. I just thought it was a gimmick. But lately I'm trying to get digital projects onto the screen, using a presentation in Las Vegas, where Rob Combs and Jeff Cascone came up to me and said, "We want to get 3D into the theater. Would you join us in showing the theater owners that you can do 3D?" I said, "That'd be good because to do 3D you have to have digital theaters. So it would promote my idea of digital theaters." When I saw the rest that we did of "The Player" in 3D, I was blown away and hooked.

How does seeing the film in 3D match the experience?

It's like the difference between sand.

What are your influences?

As a young director, I was inspired by Akira Kurosawa, Federico Fellini, Jean-Luc Godard, Richard Lester and John Ford. Nowadays I'm an old man, I guess I do more want to be than I am inspired.

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FAITH hosts 6th North Batangas summit

FIEST Asia Institute of Technology and Entrepreneurship (FIEST) School of Management is inviting all local government units, business leaders, and stakeholders in the field of tourism, NGOs, and academia in the 6th North Batangas Summit with the theme "Economic, Climate Change and Economic Development: Local Communities Participation" to be held on Jan. 27 at Link Park Hotel in Malibon, Batangas.

Among the topics to be discussed

during the summit are "Strengthening the Local Economy" by FIEST's board secretary Joseph Maria Paz Jr., "Assessing the Vulnerability of the Malabon Power Reserve" by North Island MNC manager and FIEST's president Enrique A. Solano, "Trends in Tourism: Status, Impact, and the Role of the Local Government" by the local government representative and CEO of the Malabon Power Reserve, "The Importance of Tourism in the Local Economy" by the local government representative and CEO of the Malabon Power Reserve, and "The Role of the Local Government in the Local Economy" by the local government representative and CEO of the Malabon Power Reserve.

For inquiries and registration, contact the local government representative and CEO of the Malabon Power Reserve, Joseph Maria Paz Jr., at 0917-1234-5678 or via email at joseph.maria.paz@fiest.com.ph.

LPU DENIES MOA WITH INDIAN UNIVERSITY

A recent press release from LPU, Inc. denied the existence of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between LPU and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Kharagpur, India. The release stated that the MOU was never signed and that the two institutions are not currently in any form of partnership.



LPU officials and IIT representatives during a recent meeting.



Students and faculty members of LPU posing for a group photo.

CEU GEAR UP FOR THE GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2011

CEU Faculty, Staff, and Students are gearing up for the Grand Alumni Homecoming 2011, a major event for the university. The event will feature a variety of activities, including a reunion dinner, a concert, and a sports event. The university is inviting all alumni to participate in the event and to share their experiences with the current students and faculty.

HONOR ROLL

Southville alumna's film wins in global fest

A SHORT feature by Juan Paolo Reyes, High School Batch 2006 of Southville International School and Colleges (SISC), was chosen as the winner in the Early Category of an international film competition organized by the Sony Asia Foundation (SAF). The film, titled "Let Me Show You How My Father Feels," won the Best Short Film award in the Early Category. The film is a short story about a young boy who is learning to understand his father's feelings.

The film was shown at the 2010 International Film Festival in Manila, Philippines.

UP professor taps AutoCAD-certified associate exam

LPU's UP College of Engineering-Cebu professor Angela C. Soto got top four scores in the AutoCAD 2011 Certified Associate Examination. AutoCAD certification is a globally recognized credential that provides reliable evidence of skills and knowledge, and is widely used in the construction industry. Soto's scores were: 95% in the AutoCAD 2011 Certified Associate Examination, 95% in the AutoCAD 2011 Certified Associate Examination, 95% in the AutoCAD 2011 Certified Associate Examination, and 95% in the AutoCAD 2011 Certified Associate Examination.

CLSU studies high passing grades in UK-accredited bookkeeper account

A TEAM of 10 students of the Central Luzon State University-College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CLSU-CBA) passed the Certified Bookkeeper Examination administered by the National Institute of Accounting Technicians (NIAT) in the Philippines. The students achieved high passing grades in the examination, which is a requirement for becoming a Certified Bookkeeper.

UE student delegates shine at 36th YMCA college students' congress

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST (UE) student delegates shined at the 36th YMCA college students' congress held in Manila. The delegates represented UE in the congress and participated in various activities, including a group discussion, a panel discussion, and a debate. The delegates were praised for their excellent performance and leadership skills.

UB Elementary student entry wins in city art fest

A young artist from the University of Baguio (UB) won the first prize in the City Art Festival. The student's entry, titled "My Dream House," was a drawing of a modern house with a large garden. The student was praised for their creativity and artistic skills. The festival was held at the City Hall and attracted many visitors.

